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Letter dated 16 April 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 29 March 2013 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Mali, Tiéman Coulibaly (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annex to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex

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We were pleased to welcome the report on the situation in Mali, dated 26 March 2013 (S/2013/189).

We are pleased that the report noted the substantial progress made in the political process since the adoption of resolution 2085 (2012), including the adoption of the transition road map and the establishment of the National Commission for Dialogue and Reconciliation.

We share the analysis of the security situation contained in the report, which identified the need to restore the sovereignty of the Malian State over the entire national territory as a priority.

We consider that the report serves as a good basis for discussion on the establishment of the future United Nations operation in Mali, in that Option 2 reflects the view that I presented to you during our discussion on 15 March 2013 in New York.

I remain committed to cooperating closely with you in addressing the current situation in my country.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Tiéman Hubert **Coulibaly**